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## Post-storm cycle: 'Lather, rinse, repeat'

Snow-clearing crews tackle tough Halifax streets. **PAGE 2**



# Halifax trio drives for success

### Entrepreneurship.

Nova Scotia-made golf club head covers being shipped across Canada and the U.S.



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Brothers Jeff and Todd Bishop have always had green dreams.

The Halifax golf pros have long scored well on the course, but now they're shooting for success of another sort in their favourite sport. Jeff, 34, and Todd, 44, have teamed up with local entrepreneur Geoff McLean to create custom head covers for clubs and other unique golf accessories.

"When you buy a golf club, you have your driver, your three-wood, your five-wood, your utility club, your putter and then your irons — well, everything clangs together," McLean said Wednesday, explaining that while expensive clubs come with covers, they're usually heav-

### Quoted

#### "A Coach handbag for your golf club"

The Dormie Workshop's Geoff McLean, on the custom leather head covers for golf clubs

ily branded and not particularly stylish.

"We decided that we should be making better head covers than what the golf world has," he said inside his downtown store Project 9 Furniture, where the guys showed off the inventory they've created since their latest venture teed off last summer.

Products for The Dormie Workshop so far include head covers sewn and stitched together from old scraps of leather furniture, featuring designs ranging from Captain America and Star Wars to waves for the surfing enthusiast, and the Nova Scotia flag for the provincially proud.

Despite living, playing and touring down south, the brothers are admittedly Blues-nosers at heart. Jeff recently moved back from Florida

to teach elite junior players alongside his older brother at Newbridge Academy in Lower Sackville.

"You try and make it as a player and you put everything you can in to make it as a player, and if that doesn't necessarily go 100 per cent to plan, you look at other avenues," said Todd, a Class A PGA of Canada professional and Level 2 K-Vest instructor.

"Plan B," said Jeff, also a PGA of Canada pro and certified Stack & Tilt Golf instructor, with a chuckle.

Several Halifax stores, including Duggers Men's Wear and Golf Central, are already selling their products, Jeff said, adding that courses across the country and in the United States are ordering club head cover samples.

"They used to cover them with leather," Jeff said about bringing old-school style back to the sport. "Similar to the game of golf, it's managed to stand the test of time."

So has the passion that the three business partners share for the sport.

"We all love golf," Todd said. "That's one of our major driving forces."



From left: Todd Bishop, Geoff McLean and Jeff Bishop of Dormie Workshop with some of their custom leather golf covers on Wednesday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**



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# Catch-up name of game for snow-clearing crews

**Weather.** Fluctuating temperatures making life difficult, says winter works superintendent



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For Darrin Natalino, it is what it is when it comes to Halifax's road conditions.

The superintendent of the city's winter works department believes our roads are in good shape overall, considering the three winter storms we've been handed in a stretch of seven days.

Natalino said fluctuating temperatures — and changing weather patterns from snow to rain to snow over the past two weeks — have meant that snow plow crews are working around the clock, trying to remove the layers of ice and snow packed on many roadways and sidewalks.

He said de-icing crews have been laying down salt that softens ice build-up once temperatures warm, creating slush that requires roads to be plowed, removing all de-icing materials, which must then be reapplied.

"It becomes a cycle, like 'lather, rinse, repeat,'" Natalino said Wednesday. "We sort of have to keep doing the same thing over and over and hoping for better results."

As far as the quality of our roads are concerned, he graded it as a "solid B" on Wednesday, compared to where in "the middle of July



A truck passes down a snow covered Rainnie Drive on Wednesday. The superintendent of the city's winter works department, Darrin Natalino, said salting the roads creates slush once temperatures warm, requiring the roads be plowed — removing all the de-icing materials, which has to be reapplied. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the grade would be 100 per cent."

With Environment Canada forecasting temperatures to climb to a high of 6 C by Thursday afternoon, and with more snow, freezing rain and ice pellets possible by the evening rush hour, Natalino says motorists and pedestrians should be bracing themselves for more of the same.

"The next little bit will certainly be fun," he said

sarcastically. "It'll be a lot of work. We have no intention of standing down any time soon."

Snow plowing and winter storms aside, Natalino noted that sometimes other traffic factors are to blame for lousy road conditions, such as a stalled car on the Macdonald Bridge or a water main break near the Windsor Street exchange, which made for a snail's pace commute for many residents

## Snow totals

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| • Charlottetown: 94 centimetres (cm) | • Saint John, N.B.: 126 cm  |
| • Halifax: 35 cm                     | • Fredericton: 69 cm        |
| • Moncton, N.B.: 104 cm              | • Summerside, P.E.I.: 56 cm |

Wednesday morning.

"Considering the conditions we're dealing with, I think we've done a really

good job at keeping roads passable and getting them to the best condition we can."

## Winter safety

### Readers grade snow-clearing on roads

Darrin Natalino, the city's superintendent of winter works, gave Halifax's road conditions a solid B in reference to snow clearing on Wednesday.

Here are the grades some readers gave us on Facebook when we asked them the same question.

Brad MacDonald: They

have a tough job and do their best, 9 outta 10.

Leslie Schnare Harnish: Solid F from Sambro right to the South End of Halifax.

Angela Hedges LaRoche: B-. there's a lot of ground to cover ... There are major dents in the main roads and side walks and getting better as the day progresses.

Dave Halliday: I'd have to give it a D- and for sidewalk clearing a failing grade for sure.

Scott Nickerson: D-. See that big open area. Called



A city snow plow on Windsor Street last week. HALEY RYAN/METRO

the harbour. Instead of the streets, take a guess where the snow should be dumped. It worked great

in '87.

Red Swingline: I gave up shoveling my driveway because of the ice, worse conditions I've seen in 10 plus years. Pretty sure the roads are just as bad. Stop whining.

Nicole Doyle: Horrible! With half plowed sidewalks and having to walk on the streets, and the roads are still slick definitely not a B!

Bobby Bob Robertson: Did the best they could. I give the locals an F- for whining and having no clue.

Micheal Duquette: I'd say it's probably a C. Most roads are still snow-covered and slick but they should be cleared by tonight before the next blast of weather.

Scottie Dubois: I laugh at all you people saying bad things about the road. If you only knew how tough it is to get that ice up. And how hard us plow and equipment operators are working to get the streets clean you probably would keep your big mouths shut.

HALEY RYAN/METRO



# Rate reduction and Big Lift costs laid out in transit budget

**City hall.** Draft passes with no opposition from councillors on committee of the whole



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Halifax Transit's draft budget for next year has gone up by more than \$1 million, thanks to extra costs associated with The Big Lift bridge re-decking, but the average homeowner will see their transit tax bill go down due to a rate reduction.

On Wednesday, the committee of the whole approved Halifax Transit's \$112.66-million draft budget, with highlights including a reduced .005 per cent tax rate, smoothing interruptions during the MacDonald Bridge re-decking and timelines for new technologies.

"There's no big change to transit service right now," director Eddie Robar told reporters after the meeting.

## Details

### More budget highlights:

- A completed Lacewood terminal, increased accessibility on routes 80 and 81, a commuter rail study and a new replacement ferry.

"Our focus is really on designing a good network and making sure we get that approval next year," he said about the transit overhaul to be released on Feb. 17, when a 10-week public consultation period will begin.

About eight bus routes will be directly affected by overnight closures starting this March related to re-decking on the MacDonald, said Robar.

Costs of \$1.8 million come from five buses and two Access-A-Buses to shuttle passengers from the MacDonald over the MacKay and increased 15-minute service until 11 p.m. at the Alderney Ferry, Robar said. However, he said, \$800,000 can be off-

set in the budget, resulting in the increase of \$1 million.

Robar said he was happy to commit to a .005 per cent reduction in transit tax (a regional reduction of .003 and a local reduction of .002), following through on a promise made three years ago.

Fall 2015 will also see a pilot of the automated vehicle location (AVL) system on Metro Link buses. Users can track buses on their smartphones or receive push texts if their bus is late. There will also be stop announcements and displays for the hearing- and visually-impaired.

Fare technology upgrades like switching from paper tickets to reloadable cards might be rolled out in 2017-18, Robar said, but the request-for-proposal on that technology is only going out next month, so that timeline remains to be seen.

A few councillors said they were happy to see Alderney Ferry numbers had remained steady even with the new Woodside Ferry service, showing new riders are coming into the system.



A Halifax Transit ferry crosses the harbour last summer. Next year's draft transit budget has passed a vote by the committee of the whole. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Snow tire difference 'insignificant': Transit director



Transit director Eddie Robar METRO FILE

Despite two councillors asking about the possibility of testing snow tires on Halifax Transit buses, Eddie Robar said the difference between snow tires and the current model is "insignificant."

During a draft budget presentation to the committee of the whole on Wednesday,

councillors Brad Johns and Russell Walker asked Robar, the transit director, whether snow tires would help buses navigate hilly routes during storms more safely.

"The difference in snow tires, or the ones that we run, are insignificant in the

size and the weight of the vehicles," Robar said. "The biggest thing that stops us in a storm is visibility."

Robar said the aggressive all-season model is "almost a winter tire if you were to look at it," but they have noticed the super-wide tires for the middle of the articulated

buses are not doing well on ice, so they have been piloting two new types that act like snow tires all year round.

Although Walker suggested piloting snow tires on a few buses, Robar said buses take six or more routes a day, so they would

have to outfit the entire fleet to ensure vehicles with snow tires were always on a hilly route.

Robar did not have figures on how much bus snow tires would cost but said they would need to be ordered from Europe.

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## Safety. Take 'five minutes' to clear windshield: Police

An RCMP spokesman in Nova Scotia couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the photo. "That is ridiculous," said Sgt. Al LeBlanc, about a photo taken by the Nova Scotia RCMP of a driver being ticketed for not clearing snow off the car's windshield.

LeBlanc said the driver was stopped in Liverpool and fined \$176.45.

"This is a huge safety concern," he said about what is shown in the photo, which

the RCMP shared on its social-media sites Wednesday.

Incidents like this aren't happening just outside the city.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said in the past two days they've handed out 14 tickets to drivers for not properly clearing off their windshields.

"It's dangerous," Bourdages said. "Take the extra five minutes to clear up the windshield." **PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**



A driver stopped in Liverpool. COURTESY RCMP

## Food. Saege Bistro to close after nine years in Halifax

After nine years on one of Halifax's busiest roads, favourite brunch spot Saege Bistro is closing its doors.

The Westwood Group, the company that owns and operates 5883 Spring Garden Rd., will be renovating over the coming months, and Saege's co-owners announced Wednesday that the timing is right for a closure.

"We see this as an opportunity to move on from Saege and focus on our other operations," co-owner Geir Simensen said in a release. Simensen and fellow owner Ray Bear also own Scanway Catering, while Simensen

### Moving on

Saege Bistro's last day will be Feb. 18.

is one of four owner-operators of The Stubborn Goat Gastropub downtown.

The release said that while Simensen and Bear feel Saege's concept "lost some momentum" over time, they are proud of how the restaurant was always part of the local food movement since it opened in 2006. **METRO**

### Economy

#### Flu keeps Savage from T.O. summit

A spokesperson from the office of Mayor Mike Savage confirmed on Wednesday that Savage is sick with the flu and will not be attending the annual Big Cities Summit in Toronto.

The one-day conference, organized by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, brings together 19 of the country's mayors with top business leaders. **METRO**

### Crime

#### Man gets 7 years for child porn

A North Kentville man was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in prison for multiple child pornography-related offences that the judge called "horrendous."

Jason Troy Pitts, 39, had pleaded guilty in October to several child-pornography charges and eight counts of conspiracy to commit sexual assault on children. **KING'S COUNTY REGISTER**



Students hold signs at Victoria Park in Halifax on Wednesday. SYDNEY JONES/FOR METRO

# 'I can barely afford to be in school right now'

**Education.** Students protest and march for lower tuition, more government funding for post-secondary

### Quoted

"I think it's important that we take a stand and make sure that our voices are heard. It's not often that kids outside of Quebec actually stand out for their tuition. We're showing that Nova Scotia can make a noise, too." Rhiannon Gilbert, a first-year student from Dalhousie University

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Students clambered through deep snow, carrying red and black signs and shouting for reduced tuition fees and increased university funding in downtown Halifax on Wednesday afternoon.

Close to 500 people gathered at Victoria Park during the lunch hour for All Out Feb. 4th, a day-of-action campaign for student rights across the province.

The group then marched in unison down Spring Gar-

den Road, eventually ending up at Province House.

"We're showing governments that students are listening, that we deserve more, that we demand more and that it's time for the government to listen to us," said Anna Dubinski, national treasurer for the Canadian Federation of Students, yelling over upbeat music blasting from a small stage.

Students from Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Saint Mary's University, NSCAD and

Mount Saint Vincent University chanted, "This is what democracy looks like!" and "The students, united, will never be defeated!" as honking cars drove by.

Gillian McDonald, a 24-year-old sociology student from Saint Mary's, was one of the first to arrive at Victoria Park on Wednesday and immediately picked up a sign.

"I can barely afford to be in school right now," said McDonald, who is \$12,000 in debt due to student loans.

But McDonald is not alone,

and many other students in similar circumstances packed into Victoria Park on Wednesday to protest against the rising cost of undergraduate tuition and the reduction in public funding.

"We're marching for our students that don't have adequate counselling services. We are marching for the students that are working the overnight shift, like myself. We are marching for the students that are \$37,000 in debt. And together we are going to say that something needs to change," said Michaela Sam, chairwoman of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"Students are coming out here to make sure their priorities are clear, and now it's Stephen McNeil's turn to decide whether or not he's going to invest in students and invest in this province."

## Halifax gas prices up more than 6 cents

Gas prices in Halifax spiked on Wednesday morning by more than six cents per litre as the rarely used interrupter clause was invoked by the province.

The cost of regular self-serve in Halifax is now 99.8 cents a litre — up 6.4 cents from the cost on Tuesday.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board announced

Tuesday the interrupter clause would be put into effect in regards to regulated gasoline prices in the province — two days ahead of schedule.

The board never indicates whether prices will rise or fall, but the cost of oil has jumped the past several days, so an increase was expected.

The interrupter clause is used whenever significant

### In numbers

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The last time the interrupter clause was invoked was in October 2012, which saw reduction in gas prices by 5.3 cents per litre.

market activity warrants an adjustment before the normal

weekly price reset. It will not be used to adjust diesel prices this week.

The clause is also only used when the shift in the market is sustainable and not just "a temporary blip," according to the board's executive director.

Under the regulated system, prices are normally set each Friday by the UARB at 12:01 a.m. **METRO**



# N.S. to sink \$13M into Nova Star to keep it afloat for another year

**Ferry service.** Deal comes with promise of reopening bidding to operate service in 2016

A ferry service in Nova Scotia with a money-losing past will get at least one more year to turn itself around after getting \$13 million on Wednesday from the provincial government.

The one-year deal for Nova Star Cruises announced by Economic Development Minister Michel Samson for the run between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine, also came with promises of a reopened bidding process to operate the service in 2016.

The ferry was relaunched last year after a four-year hiatus, with the province spending \$28.5 million to subsidize the inaugural season, which included a \$21-million loan that was supposed to last seven years. The loan was spent in the first two months of operation.

"People believe that \$28 million is too much to spend every year on a ferry," Samson said at the announcement in Yarmouth.

"Our government under-



A smaller ferry passes by the Nova Star ferry (rear) as the ship prepares to make its maiden voyage from Portland, Maine to Yarmouth on May 15, 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP, ROBERT F. BUKATY

stands that, and we agree."

The upcoming season will run from June 1 to Oct. 14 and Samson promised more oversight, with monthly reporting of passenger numbers and full access to the ferry's books.

Funding will be provided to Nova Star each month and only after the company submits its expenses for review, he said.

Regardless of the outcome of this year's sailing season, Samson said the company will

be required to submit a bid to run the service next year. A request for proposals will be issued this spring for the 2016 season with bids evaluated with the help of external industry experts.

"Our goal is simple: to have the right ferry service at the best price," said Samson.

He defended the additional \$13 million, saying it follows a year of experience with the service, but the opposition par-

## Quoted

"We are confident that the economic benefit to Nova Scotians will exceed that amount."

Michel Samson, on the \$13 million



ties cast doubt on the government's plan.

Progressive Conservative Chris d'Entremont said there needs to be a clear picture of how the ferry service will be sustainable, while NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald said a line must be drawn on funding for the ferry when the government says provincial finances are tight.

Mark Amundsen, Nova Star Cruises president and CEO, expressed optimism about the future but he wouldn't say how much the company lost last year, citing the open bidding process that will take place.

The government has not committed to any funding beyond the \$13 million and he said any funds left over will be paid back if the service does better than expected.

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## A history of the province's troubled ferry service

Nova Scotia has spent millions of dollars to keep the ferry service to the U.S. afloat in recent years. Here is a brief look at the history of the seasonal passenger service between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine:

**July 3, 2008:** The Progressive Conservative government announces \$4.4 million to keep the service running.

**Dec. 18, 2009:** Bay Ferries ends the service after the NDP government eliminates an annual subsidy that totalled \$15.7 million over the last four years.

**April 23, 2012:** A panel will determine what's needed for the service to be economically viable.

**Sept. 7, 2012:** The gov-

ernment is willing to commit up to \$21 million over seven years to relaunch the service if a private operator can be found, as the panel says \$35 million and a significant boost in passenger traffic is needed to make the service feasible.

**Sept. 5, 2013:** A deal with STM Quest to resume the service is announced.

**April 15, 2014:** The Nova Star ferry arrives in Yarmouth.

**July 24, 2014:** The \$21 million that was supposed to last seven years is spent.

**Oct. 14, 2014:** Nova Scotia's Liberal government gives another \$5 million to the service, bringing the total amount to \$26 million.

**Jan. 15, 2015:** The gov-

ernment releases an external audit that supports operating costs but details on how money was spent are blacked out.

**Jan. 18, 2015:** A breakdown of costs is released by the province after a newspaper in Maine obtains the information from electronic versions of the audit. The gov-

ernment also reveals it gave another \$2.5 million for the service. Public funds now total \$28.5 million.

**Feb. 4, 2015:** Up to \$13 million more is committed for this year. The government also plans to open bidding to determine who will operate the service in 2016.

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## North-end stabbing sends two women to hospital



Police were at the scene of a stabbing on North Street in Halifax Wednesday evening. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Two women were sent to hospital and a third arrested after a stabbing took place at a home in north-end Halifax Wednesday evening.

Sgt. Jeff Carr of Halifax Regional Police said officers arrived at 5658 North St. after receiving a "weapons-related" complaint around 7:25 p.m.

He said it was reported by someone within the residence that a female in her 20s had

been stabbed, and she was immediately rushed to hospital by the responding officers.

"Her injuries are not believed to be life-threatening at this time," Carr told reporters.

Afterward, more officers arrived on scene, and a group of police from its emergency response team shone a spotlight on the house while a rifle was trained towards the second-storey apartment of the house

for more than an hour.

Officers entered the home around 9:10 p.m., and separately escorted two women — both in their early 20s — from the home. The second woman cried out and wailed as officers brought her outside and into a police vehicle.

Carr later told reporters at the scene that both women were initially taken into police custody, but it was found that

one was suffering from non-life-threatening injuries and was brought to hospital.

He said one has been arrested, while the role of the woman receiving treatment in the incident is currently unknown. Carr would not give details on the relationship between the women or the nature of incident, only saying he expects charges will be laid.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

## Business

### Lobster industry group unveils new marketing plan

The Lobster Council of Canada says it has drafted a new marketing strategy for the industry.

Executive director Geoff Irvine says the key message is simple: "The best lobster in the world comes from Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Meet the maestro behind Symphony Nova Scotia

**Music.** For the past 11 years, German-born Bernhard Gueller has worked as the orchestra's leading director



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Even when maestro Bernhard Gueller was a young boy in Germany, there was never a doubt about his future.

"From my first day, it was clear that it would be something with music," Gueller said in a dressing room at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth just after a performance, adding that both his parents were piano teachers.

Flash-forward several decades and Gueller, now 64, is waving his baton in front of the Symphony Nova Scotia orchestra as music director, a position he has held for about 11 years.

Beginning his career as a cellist, Gueller's talents have taken him to top concert halls around the world — from Australia to Europe, Russia, Japan, China, South Africa and Brazil.

But it was in 2002 that Gueller came to Nova Scotia as a guest conductor of the Halifax-based orchestra. It was then that he formed a bond with the musicians.

"I didn't know anything

## Quoted

**"He can be very picky, but he's always optimistic and positive about things. The way he treats musicians is so respectful."**

Dominic Desautels, Symphony Nova Scotia's principal clarinet.

about Canada or Halifax," said Gueller, his thick grey hair sweeping from his head like a breaking wave. "The musicians and I immediately had a good relationship. I enjoyed very much making music with them.

"Then I was offered the position. I didn't need much convincing to accept it."

He's recently signed on with the orchestra for another two years, bringing his contract up to the end of the 2017-18 concert season.

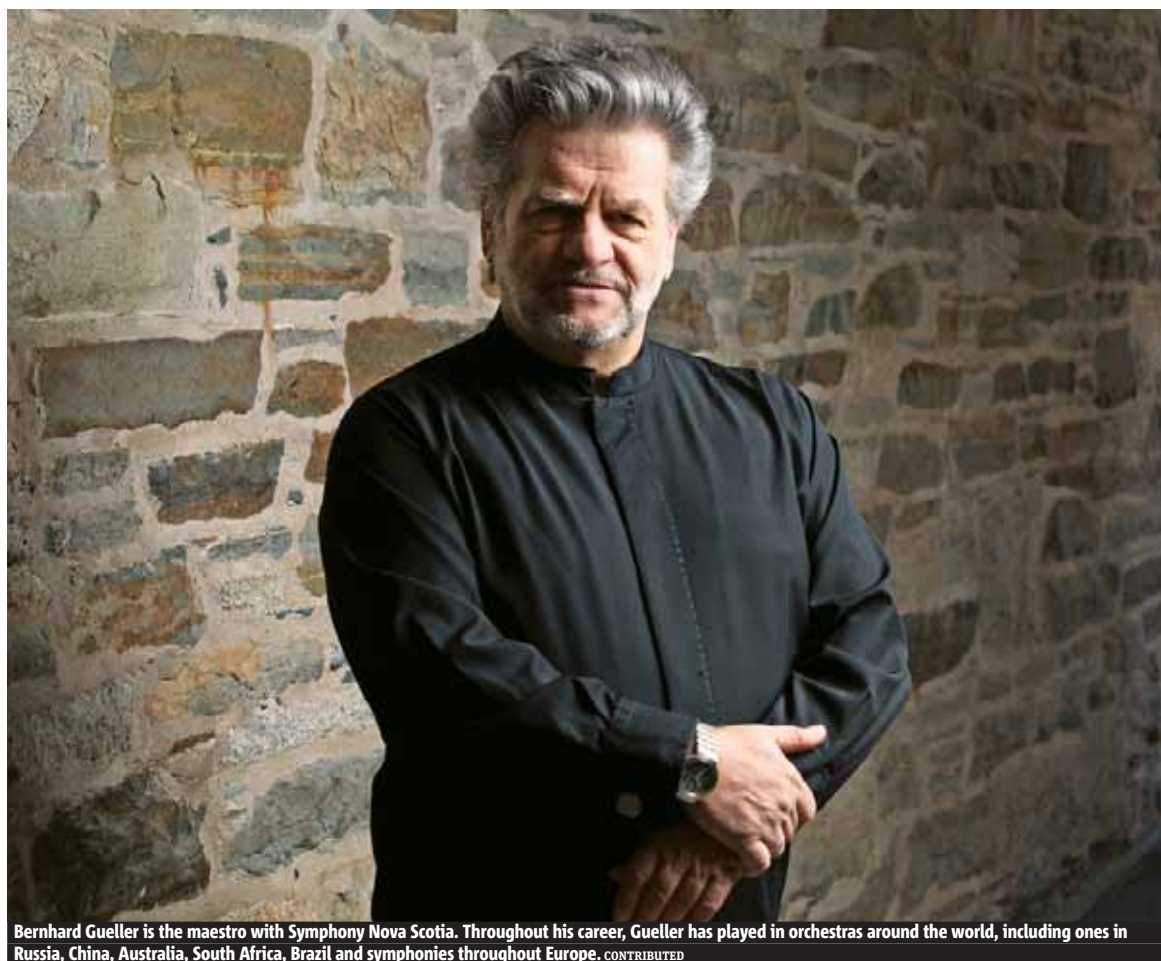
Standing with his back to a packed house at the Alderney Landing theatre, Gueller bounces along with an invigorating piece by Mozart, slicing the air with his baton as his silver hair flips from side to side.

When he signals the end of the piece, members of the sold-out crowd jump to their feet, furiously clapping as Gueller takes a bow.

Gueller has carried a conductor's baton for years, but he also sat on the orchestra floor for two decades as a cellist.

An orchestra musician-turned-conductor isn't always the norm, he said.

"But it means I know



Bernhard Gueller is the maestro with Symphony Nova Scotia. Throughout his career, Gueller has played in orchestras around the world, including ones in Russia, China, Australia, South Africa, Brazil and symphonies throughout Europe. CONTRIBUTED

from the other side what you need from a conductor," said Gueller, who said he spends half the year conducting an orchestra in South Africa.

"I'm not one of these conductors that practises in

front of a mirror ... I see it as more as a serving function, serving the music and also the orchestra."

And Gueller serves the orchestra well, said Dominic Desautels, Symphony Nova

Scotia's principal clarinet.

"It's his attitude that is very remarkable," said Desautels, who has played in the orchestra for about 2-1/2 years.

"It's the kind of feeling

that makes you want to do your best.

"He treats us like colleagues. Every morning it's, 'Good morning, dear colleagues,' in this very nice German accent."

## Library added to list of ComedyFest venues



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The new Halifax Central Library will be joining the list of venues people can go to get a laugh during the city's annual comedy festival in April.

Christina Edwards, director of the events for the Halifax ComedyFest, said every year the festival is on the

lookout for new venues to draw in different crowds and connect with the city, which is why she called the new library a "natural fit."

It's a brand new building, which appeals, but Edwards added that the library acts as a community hub and features the Paul O'Regan Theatre — perfectly designed for live entertainment.

Chosen as the venue to host the festival's free

lunchtime show on April 24, Laugh@Lunch, Edwards says they're certainly playing up the joke. "Shhh, you're in a library, but you're here for laughter."

Although, she adds that anyone who's been in the central library knows it's anything but hush-hush.

New to this year's festival will be first-time performances in Berwick and Sydney, as well as the launch of a

## Punchy performers

# 22

The 20th annual Halifax ComedyFest will feature 22 comedians that will be appearing across 14 venues between April 22 and April 25.

podcast by local comic Nikki Payne.

This year's 20th comedy festival will feature 22 com-

edians from across North America in 14 performances over the span of four days, from April 22 until April 25.

"You may not know the comedian's name, but you're guaranteed a good show. It is the best comedy you're going to find around, especially within Atlantic Canada," Edwards said.

For more ticket or show information, visit [halifax-comedyfest.ca](http://halifax-comedyfest.ca).



**Halifax Central Library**  
JEFF HARPER/METRO



Crime

## Drug traffickers mixed cocaine with asphalt: Mounties

Mounties said Wednesday they've broken up a cocaine-trafficking ring that was employing an unusual way of smuggling their product.

The RCMP said the group targeted was concealing the drugs by mixing cocaine with asphalt powder.

Authorities said one of the accused was a chemist, and they say that person would extract the cocaine from the mixture. In the past, cocaine has been hidden in ceramic tiles, but not in asphalt, said RCMP Sgt. Luc Thibault.

Police first seized about 10 kilograms of cocaine at Montreal's Trudeau Airport in 2011. But the conspiracy involved at least 70 kilograms over a 10-month period, Thibault said.

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Ronald Smith

## End of Montana death penalty may affect Canadian prisoner

Montana politicians will try once again to pass legislation to get rid of the death penalty — something that would have a direct impact on death-row inmate Ronald Smith, a Canadian.

Republican Rep. David

Moore is proposing a bill which would abolish executions and replace them with life imprisonment with no chance of parole. It would be made retroactive to include Smith, 57, and another death-row inmate, William Jay Gollehon. But Moore's decision to bring the bill forward isn't about seeking leniency for Smith, who Moore said was guilty of a "heinous act," but rather to give the Montana taxpayer a break.

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Paris

## Defence minister signs military co-operation deal with France

Canada and France are establishing a defence co-operation council.

The technical agreement establishing the body was signed Wednesday in Paris by Defence Minister Rob Nicholson and his French counter-

part Jean-Yves Le Drian.

The two countries were already being drawn closer together in the defence sector by the Canada-France Enhanced Co-operation Agenda, signed in November 2014 by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and French President François Hollande. But the new arrangement allows for an official dialogue between the two militaries and permits combined and possibly joint operations in the future.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Kingston, Ont. Queen's U probes claim professor teaches anti-vaccine info

Officials at Queen's University launched an investigation Wednesday into claims that a health sciences instructor has been teaching anti-vaccination materials in a first-year level course.

The allegation was raised on Twitter by a current student and a former student of the Kingston, Ont.-based university, who posted images of PowerPoint slides that were purportedly used in the class Health 102.

Melody Torcolacci, an adjunct professor, did not respond to interview requests.

Queen's principal Daniel Woolf took to Twitter to say he has asked provost Alan Harrison to investigate. Harrison said he and Woolf first heard of the claim when the Twitter conversation took off. Among questions Harrison wants answered is whether the kinesiology and health sciences department has received complaints in the past about the content of Torcolacci's lectures.

"I'm gathering information. That information gathering will include attempting to determine whether others in the university have ever had any sorts of issues raised with



Boxes of single-dose vials of the measles-mumps-rubella virus vaccine are shown in this file photo.

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them about similar matters. And that's all I can say at this point," Harrison said.

The online discussion began when student Michael Green tweeted: "Can we talk about how horrible it is that Melody Torcolacci still teaches that vaccines cause autism in university level classes?"

Former Queen's student Isabelle Duchaine, who is now working on a master's degree in global governance at the University of Waterloo, began to Tweet slides from a PowerPoint presentation that Torcolacci allegedly used in her class. Duchaine said she pushed the issue because of the recent surge in measles cases.

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## Ottawa. Mounties taking over Parliament security

Nearly a century of parliamentary tradition is coming to an end with the RCMP poised to take control of security inside the Parliament Buildings.

The Conservative government is seeking to give the Mounties power over what used to be an entirely independent security team patrolling the halls of the House of Commons and Senate.

Members of that tight-knit Commons team, led by former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers, stopped a gunman's rampage in the Centre Block last Octo-

ber, a show of bravery that was widely hailed by MPs in the House of Commons.

Gunman Michael Zehaf Bibeau made it past RCMP of officers stationed on Parliament Hill on the morning of Oct. 22; the force has long had control over the parliamentary grounds, but no jurisdiction inside the buildings.

Conservative MPs said Wednesday the change shouldn't be taken as a sign of disrespect for the roughly 200 men and women who currently patrol the Commons.

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# Terror suspect under communication ban

**Terror trial.** Prosecutor says there are concerns of possible witness interference

Terrorism suspect Awso Peshdary has been barred — at least for the moment — from communicating with several people, partly due to Crown fears of witness intimidation.

The 25-year-old Ottawa man made an initial court appearance Wednesday following his arrest the day before on four charges, including participation in the activities of a terrorist group.

Two other Ottawa men — accused of joining extremists overseas — were also charged with terror-related offences, even though their whereabouts are unknown and one is reportedly dead.

Peshdary's lawyer, Richard Morris, said his client intends to plead not guilty.

"He's doing as well as can be expected," Morris said after the hearing in Ottawa.

Morris argued in court there was not enough information to grant the non-communication order, saying he was "still in the dark" as to the reasoning behind it.

Federal prosecutor Rod Sonley said the order was needed to prevent interference with a dozen or so individuals — including members of the Muslim students association at Ottawa's Algonquin College — who might be witnesses or otherwise figure in the case.

Sonley told a justice of the peace there was "more than sufficient" basis for the order and "no evidence to the contrary."

The resulting court order, which will be revisited at a



Richard Morris, lawyer for terrorist suspect Awso Peshdary, speaks to media outside the Ottawa Courthouse on Wednesday after an appearance by his client. Peshdary is facing four charges, including participation in the activities of a terrorist group. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspects

The non-communication order also covers twin brothers Ashton and Carlos Larmond as well as Suliman Mohamed — who were arrested in January as part of an alleged terrorist conspiracy. The RCMP moved quickly to arrest Carlos at the Montreal airport as he was about to board a plane overseas.

- Though there are now terrorism charges against six

young men from Ottawa, Federal prosecutor Rod Sonley played down the notion of direct connections between the arrests.

- "I don't want to leave you with the impression that Mr. Awso Peshdary is directly involved in the alleged offences against Ashton Larmond. They're different proceedings," said Sonley.

travelled to Syria at the end of March 2014 to join ISIL, the Mounties say.

Morris expressed concern Wednesday that he knew little about the charges against his client and that he was not allowed into an RCMP news

conference Tuesday where his client's arrest was announced.

"I think it speaks poorly of the process when they're more concerned with press releases than they are with my client's constitutional rights," Morris said.

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## ISIL. Middle East shaken by burning death of pilot

The horrific fate of a captured Jordanian pilot, burned to death by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), unleashed a wave of grief and rage on Wednesday across the Middle East, a region long accustomed to upheavals and violence.

Political and religious leaders united in outrage and condemnation, saying the slaying of the airman goes against Islam's teachings.

The gruesome militant video of the last moments in the life of 26-year-old Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, whose F-16 crashed in Syria in December during a U.S.-led coalition raid on the extremist group, crossed a line — beyond the beheadings of Western hostages at the hands of ISIL.

From the world's most

prestigious seat of Sunni Islam learning, Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque, Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb said the ISIL militants deserve the Quranic punishment of death, crucifixion or the chopping off of their arms for being enemies of God and the Prophet Muhammad.

"Islam prohibits the taking of an innocent life," al-Tayeb said. By burning the pilot to death, he added, the militants violated Islam's prohibition on the immolation or mutilation of bodies — even during wartime.

In Saudi Arabia, prominent cleric Sheik Salman al-Oudah cited on Wednesday a saying attributed to the Prophet Muhammad, which reserves for God alone the right to punish by fire. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Hitting back. Jordan rallies support for tougher strikes

Jordan's king rushed home Wednesday, cutting short a U.S. trip, to rally public support for even tougher strikes against ISIL after the militants released a video showing a captured Jordanian pilot being burned to death in a cage.

The gruesome killing of 26-year-old Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, captured while participating in airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition targeting the militants, sparked outrage across the Middle East and anti-ISIL protests in Jordan.

King Abdullah II, a staunch Western ally, returned home from a White House meeting with President Barack Obama during which both leaders affirmed their resolve to destroy the militants who have seized about one-third of Syria and Iraq.

Jordan believes the international community must in-

tensify the campaign against ISIL, said government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani. "This evil can and should be defeated," he said.

Following the pilot's death, Jordan launched what it said would be a tough campaign against the Islamic State group. In a first response, Jordan executed Sajida al-Rishawi and Ziad al-Karbouly, two Iraqis linked to al-Qaida, government spokesman Mohammed al-Momani said. Another official said they were executed by hanging. Authorities said the pair would be buried later in Jordan.

However, public opinion in Jordan has been ambiguous — growing demands for revenge against the militants have been mixed with misgivings about Jordan's role in a bombing campaign widely seen as serving Western interests. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jordanians chant slogans to show their support for the government against terror as they were waiting on Wednesday for Jordan's King Abdullah II, who was returning from the U.S., at Queen Alia Airport in Amman, Jordan.

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In this combination photo, a series of images taken from video provided by TVBS show a commercial airplane clipping an elevated roadway Wednesday just before it careens into a river in Taipei, Taiwan. TVBS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Growth of Asian airlines creates safety challenge

**Training.** Quick growth means many new recruits; another flight crashes, at least 26 die

The deadly crash of a TransAsia plane into a river in Taiwan is again focusing the world's attention on the safety challenges facing fast-growing Asian airlines.

TransAsia has been adding new routes rapidly since the Taiwanese carrier went public in 2011. TransAsia and others like it are rushing to keep up with a travel boom driven by the region's growing middle class.

The ease and increasing affordability of flying helps fuel

economic growth and a better lifestyle for Asian consumers. But as airlines carry more passengers across increasingly crowded skies, they are also racing to train enough pilots.

"The demand is almost exceeding the supply," says John M. Cox, who spent 25 years flying for US Airways and is now CEO of consultancy Safety Operating Systems.

Quickly-growing airlines need to maintain standards as they hire more pilots, maintenance workers, dispatchers and flight attendants. Cox says the Asian carriers are currently meeting those marks, but it's a big challenge.

TransAsia Airways Flight 235 crashed Wednesday shortly after takeoff from Taipei, Taiwan, with 58 people aboard.

Dramatic video from a car's dashboard camera captured the moment that the plane, tilting madly, clipped a bridge before landing in a shallow river. At least 26 people were killed.

It was the second fatal accident in just over six months for the airline and its seventh serious accident in the past two decades, according to aerospace publication Flightglobal. It comes barely a month after an AirAsia plane crashed into the Java Sea in a flight from Surabaya, Indonesia, to Singapore, killing all 162 aboard.

As Southeast Asia's economies grow, more people have money to travel and airlines are adding planes to whisk them across the region.

Aircraft manufacturers Airbus, ATR, Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer delivered a

whopping 1,543 new planes to airlines last year. That means a total of 30 planes rolled off their collective assembly lines every week — the fastest production rate in the history of commercial aviation. Most of those aircraft went to Asia.

"The exponential growth in and the demand for air travel were not anticipated by many of the governments in the region," Shukor Yusof, founder of the Malaysia-based aviation research firm Endau Analytics said in December. "And so you're seeing a lack of infrastructure, airports and pilots because nobody expected low-cost travel would have taken off as quickly, as rapidly, and would be as lucrative as it is now." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## U.S. won't return Guantanamo to Cuba

United States President Barack Obama's administration on Wednesday ruled out handing over the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, rejecting a central demand of Cuban President Raul Castro for restoring normal relations between the two countries.

Roberta Jacobson, the top U.S. diplomat for Latin America, also said the U.S. would continue transmitting radio

and television broadcasts into Cuba that are opposed by Castro's government.

While Guantanamo and the broadcasts are irritants, Washington believes neither is likely to stand in the way of U.S. and Cuban embassies being re-established after a half-century interruption. The U.S. is hoping to clinch an agreement with Cuba on embassies in the coming months.

Jacobson's testimony before a largely hostile House Foreign Affairs Committee came as an Associated Press-GfK poll found broad support in the United States for warmer ties with Cuba.

Forty-five per cent of those surveyed supported full diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes, with only 15 per cent opposing. Sixty per cent backed the end of the U.S. eco-

nomie embargo of Cuba, with 35 per cent for its continuation.

But the views expressed at Wednesday's hearing were different.

Senior Republicans and Democrats took turns excoriating Obama for negotiating in secret a December spy swap that also included promises from him and Castro to turn a new page in the U.S.-Cuban relationship. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# Court OKs Target liquidation sale

**Discounts.** Prices up to 30 per cent off expected to start from Thursday

Shoppers can expect their local Target Canada stores to begin knocking down prices starting Thursday, after the retailer received court approval to liquidate its stock.

The company got the go-ahead following a hearing Wednesday involving dozens of lawyers representing the retailer, landlords and suppliers. Target spokeswoman Molly Snyder said discounts will take up to 30 per cent off regular prices.

Already many Target stores have stopped carrying perishables like milk, eggs and frozen foods, Snyder said.

The company is still clearing product out of its distribution centres, she added.



Target stores are expected to start liquidating stock Thursday.

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The court had yet to decide late Wednesday whether Target can begin the sales of its real estate assets.

The retailer and its liquidator have argued that it needs to sell the properties immediately to keep its speedy exit from the Canadian market on schedule for mid-May.

Landlords were concerned that Target's liquidation sales would tarnish the image of

their malls and take away business from other stores that are renting space.

"I think all parties are exaggerating," Ontario Superior Court Justice Geoffrey Morawetz said.

In addition to its remaining inventory, Target's shelving, fixtures and equipment will also be sold.

The U.S.-based retailer announced last month that it would close all 133 of its Canadian stores and lay off more than 17,000 staff, just two years after it began opening stores in Canada.

Some of those reductions have already happened at its Toronto headquarters, downsized to 80 people from 770, Snyder said.

The company took over old Zellers locations and began to open under the Target banner in Canada for the first time in March 2013, but failed to deliver on customer expectations.

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## Watchdog creating new rules for global tracking of aircraft

A top official with the International Civil Aviation Organization says it is moving quickly to create a standard that will help in the global tracking of commercial aircraft — especially when flying over water.

The head of the ICAO Council says during normal operations, an aircraft will be tracked every 15 minutes when flying over oceanic or

remote areas.

Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu says that when the aircraft is in distress, it would start to broadcast its position every minute.

ICAO's member states unanimously supported the new standard at a safety conference in Montreal.

The global tracking recommendation is one of several made in the wake of the

disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 last March.

That investigation is ongoing, but Aliu says he expects the new rules to be adopted by the fall.

Aliu told a news conference today that normally, safety recommendations are only implemented after an accident investigation is complete. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alibaba founder Jack Ma is all smiles as China's biggest e-commerce company gets listed on the New York Stock Exchange in September last year in the world's largest public offering. JEWEL SAMAD/AFP

## China. Alibaba takes on Amazon in drone delivery

Echoing U.S. online retailer Amazon, Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba on Wednesday tested a drone delivery service, promising to whisk ginger tea to customers within an hour despite close controls on airspace.

Alibaba's flagship consumer-to-consumer platform Taobao, estimated to hold more than 90 per cent of the Chinese market, showed off a photo of a black-and-silver drone with helicopter-like propellers carrying a white box to launch the service.

But the option is confined to just three days and a few areas of three Chinese megacities — the capital Beijing, commercial hub Shanghai and Guangzhou in the south — and applies only to one brand of tea from one particular vendor, with a limit of 450 deliveries in total.

The drone launch comes after Alibaba last week locked

### Civil drones

Airspace in China is strictly controlled, with the majority used by the military. The government allows limited use of civil drones for activities ranging from rescue to observation.

horns with a powerful government regulator, which accused the company of allowing "illegal" actions on its e-commerce platforms, including Taobao. The State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC) found only about a third of products sampled from Taobao were genuine.

Taobao has pledged to crack down on counterfeit goods. Alibaba founder Jack Ma met with SAIC director Zhang Mao last week, which could signal a de-escalation of the dispute. AFP

### France

## Monopoly giving out real money to mark anniversary

You can pass go, get out of jail free and collect real money. The French version of Monopoly is celebrating its 80th year by slipping cash into 80 boxes of the game.

One box will have the full complement in real money — 20,580 euros (about \$29,500) — as well as the Monopoly money needed to actually play the game, one of the most popular in France. Another 79 boxes will have smaller amounts, according to Hasbro.

The Paris version lets players buy the Champs Elysées, four railroad stations and other famous avenues of the French capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Market Minute

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79.59¢ (-1.08¢)

**TSX**  
14,995.65 (-67.23)

**OIL**  
\$48.45 US (-\$4.60)

**GOLD**  
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## VOICES

## TO SAVE CANCON, WE NEED TO KILL IT

This year, CTV was able to force its cable and satellite partners to replace big-ticket American commercials with Canadian substitutes during broadcasts of the Super Bowl. In 2017, this won't be allowed. Metro's Matt LaForge wonders what else the CRTC will do to please Canadian viewers and what the culture stands to gain — and lose — in the deal



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American Super Bowl commercials are here to herald the end of Canadian TV as we know it. This could be just what we need.

Last week we learned that for the 2017 Super Bowl broadcast, CRTC won't allow CTV to sub its Canadian clients' ads for the prestigious American-produced spots (a practice known as simultaneous substitution). It was surprising news, but maybe it shouldn't have been.

On the broadcast file, the Conservative government, to whom the CRTC answers, has been willing to give consumers what they want, even if it means sticking it to media conglomerates (recall the promise to unbundle cable packages in the 2013 throne speech).

The Super Bowl-commercial ruling is to date the most resolute enactment of the government's agenda. It scratches an itch that Canadian viewers have been whining about for years, and it means CTV's parent conglomerate will miss out on a lot of advertising revenue.

Precisely why the Tories are so keen to provide Canadians with the widest entertainment menu at the best prices is a worthwhile question, evoking as it potentially does the lessons of books like *Brave New*

World and *Amusing Ourselves to Death*.

But we won't know the full answer without the benefit of real hindsight, and in any case the more salient question right now is the classic one: What happens next?

First, let's stipulate that the new trend isn't going to reverse itself any time soon. While a lot of sentimental lip service is paid in this country to cultural nationalism and to the abstract idea of safeguarding a place in the media marketplace for Canadian stories and songs, the on-the-ground view of the CRTC's Cancon regime is at best indifferent and at worst deeply cynical. There's a pervasive sense, at least within the demographic cohort to which I belong (youngish urbanites with lifelong media addictions and delusions of worldliness), that the Cancon game is rigged in favour of the suits and that half-baked, second-rate content is being knowingly passed off as world-class. Commonly heard in my world:

"Why would I watch that movie? It's Canadian."

"Are the Geminis the movie awards or the TV awards?"

"Who is this on the radio? Hedley? Wow. Our tax dollars at work."

"I miss Republic of Doyle. Just kidding."

So to the extent that the new policy represents the gov-



A man puts up a missing puppy and Clydesdale poster in this still from Budweiser's Super Bowl commercial. SCREENGRAB

ernment's intention to take away a subsidy that has been perennially squandered on embarrassing mediocrity, there are lots of people who are all for it.

The horse is out of the barn, and it's difficult to envision the next federal government, Conservative or otherwise, trying very hard to chase it.

But before we dance on the graves of the media makers

and hail the era of the media takers, let's admit a second set of stipulations: That cultural nationalism is not an inherently empty concept and that deregulating the country's airwaves entirely would rob us of something that, in the present fog of simultaneous substitution and Mr. D reruns, we're taking for granted. This is true even at the level of Super Bowl commercials, where for every

instance of low-stakes whimsy (e.g., Budweiser's puppy-and-Clydesdale from the 2014 broadcast), there's a more self-serious spot that overtly trades in American mythmaking (e.g., The 2013 ad in which Eminem drives around Detroit and foretells the city's inevitable Phoenix-like rise). To push out Canadian commercials, no matter how derivative or hokey, in favour of corpor-

ate America's fables about a culture that we're not a part of is to submit to a colonizer that might not even realize or care that it's colonizing.

This, of course, is what made the Cancon movement necessary in the first place.

Damned if we deregulate, damned if we don't. I don't say it lightly, but, of the two, deregulating might be the way to go — not as an end, but as a means.

The ill will toward Cancon is so ingrained and so toxic; we need a radical change to reverse it. In an unregulated media market, Canadians would be given a much-needed opportunity to rediscover what it is that the U.S. can never give us.

We would remember one particularly prescient Canadian telling us that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. In such a climate, a new and improved cultural-nationalism movement could take root and establish a system of promotion and protection that takes into account all the mistakes of the past.

If American Super Bowl ads are the first steps in the undo that leads to the redo, then let it rain Budweiser frogs.

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## Our cities need to be ready for extreme weather



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As extreme weather assaults Canada again, climate change is hitting close to home.

Flooding, like we've seen in Calgary and southern Manitoba, and extreme winter storms, like the one Halifax is currently experiencing, continue to affect millions of Canadians, and the weather is only going to get wilder.

Canadian cities need to act

more quickly to prevent the costly and potentially tragic fallout from the erratic weather that's inevitably coming.

We need to create a national dialogue about protecting Canada's cities from extreme weather, and deal with problems before they start.

Cleaning up after the fact is outrageously expensive. The 2013 flood in Calgary cost \$6 billion. Toronto spent more than \$106 million repairing its damaged infrastructure after the 2013 ice storm.

According to a study pub-

lished in *Nature Climate Change* last week, global warming is increasing the number of droughts across the U.S. and floods across countries in the western Pacific. It's one of many such studies showing increasing weather extremes worldwide.

A major culprit of all this chaos is rising ocean temperatures, making strong storms stronger and weak storms weaker, said a study published last Thursday in *Science* by atmospheric scientists at the University of Toronto.

While we need to tackle the root causes of climate change causing these rising temperatures, we also need to be ready for when disaster strikes.

We've taken some steps toward preparing our cities, but they're often buried in government reports or hidden behind closed doors, far from public.

Some cities have made positive initial moves.

Calgary is in the process of building a reservoir for runoff from the Elbow River

to prevent future flooding.

The City of Toronto has created an action plan for protecting the city from damaging weather, including making sure drainage systems are widened and trees are pruned to reduce power line damage.

But these actions seem like small potatoes.

Will they prevent Canadian cities from grinding to a halt in a power outage, or thousands of people from losing their homes to a flood?

If we want our cities to withstand climate change, those who understand what we need to upgrade and how we can take action (engineers! urban planners!) should take leadership, speak out and help inform policymakers and the public.

If we want to protect our cities from climate change, everyone needs to be a part of the conversation.

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METRO'S TAKE ON  
THE WORLD OF  
CELEBRITIES



Conrad Hilton GETTY IMAGES

## Sorry Conrad Hilton, fighting 'peasants' is so passé

Well, this is completely charming.

Conrad Hilton, younger brother of Paris and namesake of his hotel magnate grandfather, appeared in court this week to face charges he assaulted and intimidated several flight attendants on a trip from London to L.A. last summer.

According to an FBI affidavit, Hilton punched a bulkhead, nearly hitting a flight attendant, appeared

delusional and erratic and had to be restrained for landing.

He also dropped the F-bomb some 25 times, and here are probably the best two of those times: "If you want to square up to me, bro, then bring it and I will f—ing fight you" and — my favourite — "I will f—ing own anyone on this flight. They are f—ing peasants."

Ah, the noble class.

Hilton also threatened

to get the entire crew fired because "I know your boss!"

And worst of all, he delayed drink service on the flight by 40 minutes.

That is just not cool, bro.

Hilton was released on a \$100,000 bond and will be back for arraignment next month.

His charges could land him in prison for as much as 20 years.

## Tatum unleashes Magic Mike XXL trailer: You're welcome

Ladies of Tampa, this might be a good reason to take a personal day. The first trailer for Magic Mike XXL, this summer's sequel to the hit Channing Tatum stripperfest, is out. Sure, there's no Matthew McConaughey in this one, but is that such a problem? So, how does it look? Let's just say Tatum clearly spent more time in the gym before this than he did Jupiter Ascending. The poor guy can't even get any welding done without slipping into a hip-thrusting dance routine. As the trailer boldly states, you're welcome.



The Magic Mike XXL movie poster. CONTRIBUTED

## The Wachowskis aren't phased by your trolling

Andy and Lana Wachowski have heard what you've said about Cloud Atlas, Speed Racer and the Matrix sequels — and what you're already saying about Jupiter Ascending — and you know what? They don't care.

"I've gotten a thicker skin when it comes to Internet searches on our art," Andy said in an interview that refers to talk of their new science-fiction film a "torrent of pessimism."

Yikes. Oh, and they're also not too worried about box-office receipts.

"The cultural obsession with equating a mov-

ie's success to its box office is incredibly damning to this industry," Andy insists.

"It's pushing the industry more and more to making pure product, which is another reason why you constantly have reboots. It's McDonald's. People know what they're going to sit down and watch. Inherently, it's unhealthy for your brain."

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# Finding the funny in unhappily ever after

## Relationships. 500

Dates author chronicles 19 years of online dating disasters — and asks why romantic advice is skewed toward women

Mark Miller has survived 19 years of online dating since his 1995 divorce, yet he still has a smile on his face.

There's much to hate about the process, the Los Angeles-based humorist said in a recent interview, but he refuses to despair as he continues his hunt for true love. One thing that does bum him out, though, is how so much dating advice seems skewed to women.

That's why he decided to share his quest for ever after in a collection of essays called *500 Dates* out this week from Skyhorse Publishing in time for that ultimate date night, Valentine's Day.

Miller, 62, isn't shy about poking fun at himself. He describes a dating disaster with accoutrements he purchased entirely from a 99-cent store.



He's had sex way too soon after meeting someone, given up prematurely on relationships, stayed in relationships beyond their expiration dates and coveted his neighbour's wife.

Conversely, one of his dates showed up in her forest ranger uniform. Another admitted she was 15 years older than advertised in her dating profile, and a third made it clear that she found dating so soul-draining that he was her last-ditch attempt before she packed it in forever. It didn't work out. A conversation with Mark Miller



Author Mark Miller has written about his quest to find love online in a new book of essays called *500 Dates*. ISTOCK

about finding love online:

**So how many dates are you up to now?**

The 500 in the title is under-

estimating it. It would probably be closer to 750 if I was going to be honest about it. During that time I've found maybe seven fairy-tale endings that

ranged from seven months to four years. I'm still looking.

**How has happily ever after changed in the 21st century? You have a chapter where you write: "And they lived apart happily ever after is the new fairy tale ending."**

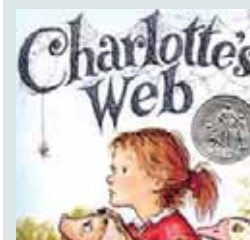
I think that absence does make the heart grow fonder in many ways. I've spoken to a lot of people who date regularly and only see each other once a week. It's become more special, more datelike to them. There is such a thing as living together happily ever after but it doesn't happen for a lot of people, especially in this day and age.

**Do men suffer from a lack of dating advice?**

I think men are less prone to asking for that advice. They have more of an I-can-do-it-myself, more of a macho thing going on, whereas women are more open. If you do a search for dating books you'll find most of them are written either by women or for women. I think there was a void for men in that regard.

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## Digital publishing



## E.B. White classics to be released as ebooks in March

Three E.B. White classics read by millions of parents to their children will soon be available on the digital screen. HarperCollins said Wednesday that *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little* and *The Trumpet of the Swan* can be purchased as ebooks starting March 17. White's granddaughter Martha White said family members had worried electronic sales would hurt business for their preferred format, paper. "After discussing this with our agent ... it's become apparent to us that ebooks complement sales of paper books, instead of replacing sales," White said.

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## Film adaptation

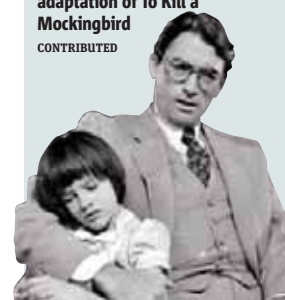
## New Harper Lee book could mean movie sequel

The movie version of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the rare adaptation as beloved as its source material. So when Harper Lee and her publisher announced that this summer they'll release the 88-year-old author's second book, *Go Set a Watchman*, a kind of sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the shockwaves were felt almost as much in Hollywood as in the book world. If Lee agrees to sell the movie rights to her new book, it will likely be one of the most eagerly sought novels for optioning to the big screen.

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**Gregory Peck and Mary Badham in the 1962 film adaptation of *To Kill a Mockingbird***

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## Short fiction. Discovering stories in everyday things

The very first short story Katherine Heiny ever published was in *The New Yorker*. Her first book, *Single, Mellow, Carefree* (out now) has Lena Dunham — among others — raving. We called Heiny up to get inside the brain of this wildly talented fiction writer.

**The short stories in your book all take ordinary experiences, like a children's birthday party, and turn them into something exciting. Do you have a habit of creating stories about people you see every day in real life?**

Oh, all the time. Ordinary things are really interesting to me. If I'm watching a reality show and people are fighting about who didn't get invited to a party, to me, that's fantastic. I think if you pay close attention to everyday things, they are often funny.

**How does your writing process work?**

When I start writing, I get the first line of the story and it always stays in the story, but it doesn't always stay as the first line. But there's always one line that sticks with me and the rest of the story will come over a few days. It takes me a month or more to write a short



story ... I don't write chronologically; I write little scenes and then I have to put them together.

**So many writers dream of being published in *The New Yorker*. How did that come about for you?**

I wrote this story while I was in graduate school and sent it all over the place. I got 31 rejection letters. Then a friend of mine said, "What did *The New Yorker* say?" I told her I didn't send it there. She said, "Katherine, you're supposed to send it there first." So I mailed it off on a Thursday afternoon and they called Friday morning to accept it. I didn't even know the mail worked that fast. **EMILY**

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## Book celebrates all-season cycling

Frigid temps have the most diehard cyclists hiding out on transit and in their cars. But it doesn't have to be this way, according to Tom Babin, author of the recently published *Frostbike* (Rocky Mountain Books). The Calgary-based Babin set out to challenge the winter wariness that creeps into cyclist consciousness. He trekked to Oulu, a small city in northern Finland, where up to 30 per cent of the population ride their bikes through the winter on snow-packed paths. And he learned how the snow bike was born from the mind of an Alaskan winter mountain-bike racer and a Texas tire maker. Through his journey, Babin found the joys of pedalling through winter, and hopefully you will, too.

LIZ BROWN/METRO



# The journey from shredding to scribbling

## New release.

Skateboarder Michael Christie draws from his own life in a tale of a boy and his mother

EMILY LAURENCE

Metro World News in New York

Former professional skateboarder turned award-winning writer Michael Christie has book critics everywhere fawning over his new novel, *If I Fall, If I Die* (out Jan. 20).

The protagonist is 11-year-old Will, who is fiercely close to his agoraphobic mother.

While his mom fears the outside world, Will is pulled toward it — especially when he discovers skateboarding — and the result is a heart-felt story of their relationship. The novel hits close to home, as Christie's own mother was agoraphobic.

Here, we talk to him about the four-year emotional process of getting Will's story down on paper.



Michael Christie says skateboarding and writing aren't all that different — they're both very individual and self-directed. CEDAR BOWERS

**Writing requires a lot of energy, but it's a totally different type of energy than skateboarding.**

I think everything (in life) prepares you for something else in some way. Skateboarding requires a sort of obsession. I think I just transferred that obsession from

skateboarding to writing. It's all very self-directed, too. In skateboarding, there's no coach. There's no field. It's just you. You have to decide what to do and what you're capable of. Writing is the same way.

**How much of the book is fic-**



**tion, and how much is from your life?**

A lot of the stuff in the book is different, but the emotional core of the book, which is this relationship between a mother and son that is maybe a little too close but is also kind of wonderful, that's very much the biggest relationship in my life, other than with my wife.

**Did anything unexpected happen while you were writing it?**

Yeah, I think if nothing

unexpected happens while writing, then maybe you're in trouble. I didn't think you could write about skateboarding in a literary novel and connect with it. There's no movie, book or art about skateboarding that's actually good, so I was very wary of putting skateboarding in the book. But as I was doing it, I was like, is Will going to take up skateboarding? Is he going to do it? I think he is. I think I found a way to do it ... It was a scary book for me to write in many ways. I took a lot of emotional risks while doing it.

**This isn't a traditional coming-of-age story, but it is still about coming of age. What do you think it means to grow up?**

I think for everyone, there is a dramatic progression where you grow up in relative safety and we venture out, we get hurt, but we learn and grow that way. Growing up, there's a lot of facing fear, getting anxious and surviving things. That's what I wanted to capture.

# Voicing SpongeBob is the 'best job' in the world

## Animated character.

Tom Kenny loves his child-friendly voiceover gig as a TV favourite

MATT PRIGGE

Metro in Hollywood



Tom Kenny is the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants. PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Like *SpongeBob SquarePants*, the character he's voiced for 17 years, Tom Kenny is happy. "I think I've got the best job — not just in showbiz, but in the world," he tells us. Though his resumé is clogged with animated voiceover work, it's the Nickelodeon staple — now getting its second movie, *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie: Sponge Out of Water* — for which he's most recognized. But Kenny also has a history of very non-child-friendly fare, including the legendary sketch comedy show *Mr. Show and Shakes the Clown*, the 1993 cult comedy by his childhood friend Bobcat Goldthwait. Fun fact: The character he played in the latter — bitter, evil clown Binky — inspired the very good

1996 R.E.M. song *Binky the Doormat*.

**It's interesting that SpongeBob records with the cast all together in the studio. That's not how most animated shows or movies do voiceover work.**

Even if you have a home studio where you're living, it's just not the same as looking through the glass at the creator of the show and having eye contact with him and recording with the other cast members of the show. *SpongeBob* is one of the few shows that still records ensemble. The way we record is as an ensemble radio show. If everybody is in the scene, those actors are in the booth. I can't picture doing it

the way that so many shows — and definitely most animated features — do it, which is an actor by themselves, and then they Frankenstein together a whole bunch of performances by people who have never been in the same room or even met each other. It works, obviously. But I'm always hearing people saying, "This person co-starred with me and I still haven't met them! We were in *Finding Nemo* together!"

**It's kind of amazing the show hasn't changed much over such a long period on air.**

The characters are the same as they ever were, which I think is what people like about animation. Bugs Bunny is always Bugs Bunny, Bart Simpson is always Bart Simpson and *SpongeBob* and Patrick are always *SpongeBob* and Patrick ... The unchanging-ness of those personas is what gives animation this comfort-food aspect that people love. It's like a comfortable beat-up slipper you can't wait to put on after work because your feet are killing you.

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# From farm to beauty cabinet

**Style.** A natural skincare expert explains why going organic is easier (and more effective) than you might think

**TINA CHADHA**  
Metro New York

Don't kill us. You're about to rethink your favourite beauty products.

"A lot the ingredients (in cosmetics) are used in the car industry. Chemical emulsifiers, battery acids — and the sad part is, these ingredients aren't there to make you beautiful, but to make the product work," says natural skincare expert, Tata Harper.

"They are super-cheap industrial chemicals. But they make the formula feel amazing and last 12 years on the shelf without going bad."

The former industrial engineer spent five years working with biologist and chemists to perfect her high-performing, synthetic-free formulas. She now produces everything for her eponymous skincare line — from the botanical ingredients to packaging material — from her 1,200-acre certified organic farm in Vermont. We chatted with Harper about advances in natural beauty and when we should start slathering on anti-aging products.

**For people who want to switch to natural products, where should they start?**

Whether you're using natural or any other product, I always say start with things like cleansers, toners or masks. These are



Wouldn't it be good to know that your glow has come naturally? ISTOCK

## Make-it-yourself mask

"I love this mask. I've been doing it since I was a little kid," says Harper. "It's amazing for glow and clarity for the skin."

- "Mix together a half a cup of plain yogurt, it doesn't matter if it's Greek, strawberries, they have a high content of salicylic acids, so it helps with cellular turnover. Add in pineapple or papaya because they both have naturally occurring enzymes that help get rid of the buildup and clean the pores. Add two tablespoons of honey — especially raw honey. Blend it all together kind of like a really thick smoothie and apply. You can put it on your face, body, back. It basically helps bring immediate glow, moisturization and radiance."



not a big financial commitment and will give you an idea on if you're going to like the products overall.

**What natural ingredients are you loving?**

The most impressive are the

new neuropeptides. They basically give you the effects of Botox.

You feel complete relaxation of your muscle, obviously not of your full muscle, which is great because that way you don't lose expression

in your face. But you get a relaxation of the wrinkle.

**What are some advances in natural skincare right now?**

Now you can find a lot of natural stem cells, which help regenerate the skin. Also, there's a lot of plumping ingredients. They're kind of like fillers but applied topically. And what happens is they go to your hypodermis, like your fat cells, and basically make your fat cells fatter and pump up the volume from within.

**What's the most important part of a beauty regime?**

There's nothing more important than serums or eye creams. Those two things are your real workhorses for the skin to drive collagen and anti-aging benefits. But the reality is if you don't clean your skin well and you don't exfoliate, 70 per cent of those serums are never going penetrate. A good cleansing, exfoliation is vital.

I need me some natural



Rahua shampoo, \$32

RMS eye polish in Solar \$28



Mason Pearson brush, \$120

Tata Harper Elixir Vitae, \$365



## Canadian street style

**Name:** Sheila

**Age:** 30

**Occupation:** Fashion stylist

### What she's wearing

Forever 21 shoes, Oak & Fort T-shirt, Ann Taylor Cardigan, vintage coat, Ray Ban sunglasses, MinkPink scarf, Claire Vivier Bag.

### Her inspiration

"I am inspired by menswear."

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# Botanicals are in bloom

Great flowers start with pollination, and for that you need bees. Luxury label Burberry started off the revival, creating the buzz with its SS15 Ready to Wear collection which paid tribute to the insects and flowers of Britain. Coincidentally, at Paris Haute Couture week, flowers and florals were in fashion.

This past week, we learned that Chanel Director Karl Lagerfeld isn't the only designer with green fingers. Chanel's Spring flowering fashion featured gentle, curved silhouettes embellished with floral garlands, lush petals and beaded pis-

tils. A colour palette of pinks, oranges, reds, electric blue, pollen yellow and sap green brought extra cheer to this upbeat collection.

There was no stopping Dutch design tandem Viktor&Rolf who pushed the flower trend to the limits. Bold 3D floral appliqué, graphic petal prints and abundant bouquet-esque babydoll dresses drew inspiration from flower-loving artist Van Gogh.

At the Alexis Mabille show, models wore sexy tattoo-inspired dresses with strategically placed creeping flower motifs that intertwined over the body. AFP



One of the latest specimens from Christian Dior's haute couture Spring garden. FRANCOIS GUILLOT / AFP

# Best of show: 4 decor trends for spring

I recently returned from New York City where I attended the NYNOW Home & Lifestyle Show to view the latest decor products. I narrowed down the top four trends I kept seeing. Watch for these stylish looks coming to home decor stores this spring



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## Tactile texture

Nubby silks, fur, chunky knits and braided items will add tactile texture to everything from rugs to pillows. Look for them in neutral colours that allow texture to be the star.



A super-thick wooden needle means you can make your own rug in less than an afternoon! **DIY Crochet Aspen 32" Rug Kit**, \$235, [Loopy-Mango.com](#)

Add life to that boring neutral sofa. **Divisional Orange 20" pillow**, \$50, [CB2.com](#)



Who says the hottest trends have to break the bank? **Constance Orange Accent Chair**, \$599, [UrbanBarn.com](#)

## Pops of orange

Colour kept popping up and the one that stood out the most was orange. Teamed with a sandy-beige tone to relax the jolt of citrus, orange feels juicy and spring-like.

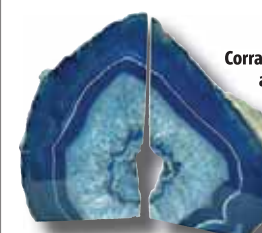
## Metallic copper

Although there were a lot of gold accents throughout the show, copper tones were trying hard to shine. Team copper with cream for summer and add it to black for a sexy look this fall.



Line them up or bunch them up to fit any space. **Pascal Bunching Table**, \$269, [CrateAndBarrel.com](#)

Even the simplest shape deserves a little copper-tone glam. **Porcelain & Copper Dipped Vase**, \$35, [Chapters.Indigo.ca](#)



Corral your books with a stylish trend. **Blue Natural Agate Bookends**, \$138, [Amazon.ca](#)

## Agate crystal

Slices of shiny stone, sparkling in blue, purple and green will be seen on items as tiny as napkins rings and as large as lamps.

## Bonus trend

Christmas 2015 is going to be 'Retro 1965' so get digging in your parents' basement and check out spring yard sales this year.

- Think old pink, turquoise, silver, tinsel, light reflectors and bubble lights.

# Think inside the box: Adaptable home in a cube

**Architecture.** Toronto-based developer touts customizable cube as the future of housing

How would you feel about replacing your house with a personalized cube?

Cubitat, a 10-metre-cubed prefabricated structure, offers just that. The concept, the result of a collaboration between Toronto-based Urban Capital and Nichetto Studios, is being billed as "the future of progressive housing" after going on show at the Interior Design Show 2015.

Inspired by both the prefab world and modern production methods, the custom-assembled architectural solution has been designed to be a "transferable home." It comprises a central frame which forms

## Cubitat's core elements

The cube contains the core elements of a standard home, including a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and lounge, all in one trans-portable cube.

- Customers can add furniture items and fittings to tailor each model to their own tastes.

four walls containing pull-down furniture for each of the spaces.

"Cubitat is architecture on a whole new level, as product," says Urban Capital co-founder Mark Reeve. "We're rethinking the built world with the most adaptable home imagined."

So will the concept become a commercial reality? Watch this (cubed) space. **AFP**



Cubitat URBAN CAPITAL

## Rethinking living space

"We're rethinking the built world with the most adaptable home imagined." Urban Capital co-founder Mark Reeve



## Cookbook of the Week

Cross-country to  
your kitchen table

In his show, *You Gotta Eat Here!*, John Catucci travels across Canada on a journey to find the country's best comfort foods.

Now he teams up with Michael Vlessides for a follow-up to their first book, *You Gotta Eat Here Too!* Features mouth-watering recipes from restaurants across Canada that you may have never heard of — and the colourful characters behind the establishments.

Among the recipes are Codfish Cakes from Chafe's Landing in St. John's, Jerk Chicken from The SmoQue Shack in Ottawa and Hot Chick Panino from Holy Grill in Calgary. **METRO**

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There are more than 400 recipes in this Bacardi cocktail guide which includes gorgeous photography, unlockable badges, and a master class of mixologist techniques. Registration is needed for full access.



## There's comfort food, then there's this

## Lunch or dinner.

Indian Tacos replace the traditional soft or hard shell with unique doughy 'frybread'

"In this dish, frybread is topped with ground prime rib that's been cooked in a savoury stew with tomatoes, red kidney beans, and (chef) Brad's not-so-secret taco seasoning," write John Catucci and Michael Vlessides in *You Gotta Eat Here Too!* of the Indian Tacos that can be found at Burger Barn in Ohsweken, Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve, Ont.

"The top of the tower is shredded cheddar and mozzarella, followed by lettuce, diced

## Ingredients

## Taco Seasoning

- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp sweet paprika
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 1/4 tsp chicken soup base
- 1 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 3/4 tsp garlic powder
- 3/4 tsp cayenne pepper

## Taco Meat

- 2 lbs ground prime rib beef
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 can (14 oz) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (19 oz) stewed tomatoes, with juice

## Frybread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- Canola oil

## Taco Seasoning

1. In a bowl, combine all of the ingredients. Set aside.

## Taco Meat

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown the ground beef with the butter. Drain any excess liquid. Add the kidney beans, stewed to-

matoes, and 3 tablespoons of the prepared taco seasoning and stir to combine. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 45 minutes to allow flavours to meld.

## Frybread

1. While the meat is cooking, in a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the buttermilk until the dough just comes together, adding more flour if dough is too sticky to handle.

2. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead until smooth (do not over-knead — less is more).

3. In a large, deep, heavy skillet over medium-high heat, heat 3/4 inch of oil.

4. Using your hands, tear dough into 8 to 10 equal-sized pieces, each about 3/4 cup (the size of a baseball). Shape into round discs about 1/4 inch thick, making a thinner depressed area in

the centre of each.

5. Fry breads in hot oil until golden on both sides, turning only once. Drain on paper towel.

## Assembly

1. Scoop taco meat onto frybread and top with shredded cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, red onion, sour cream. **RECIPES FROM YOU GOTTA EAT HERE TOO! LONE EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT LTD. PUBLISHER BY COLLINS CANADA. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**



This recipe serves four. FROM YOU GOTTA EAT HERE TOO!

## Korean Beef Noodles for your Buddha belly



This recipe serves two. FROM YOU GOTTA EAT HERE TOO!

This recipe, featured in *You Gotta Eat Here Too!*, comes from *The Smokin' Buddha* in Port Colborne, Ont. Write John Catucci and Michael Vlessides: "The Buddha's Korean

Beef Noodles features a heaping mound of noodles tossed with slices of marinated sirloin, portobello mushrooms, and homemade bulgogi sauce."

## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- One 1-inch piece fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1/2 lb sirloin beef, sliced
- 1 large portobello mushroom, sliced
- 1 pkg (14 ounces) udon noodles
- 1/2 carrot, grated
- 2 tbsp green onion, chopped

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, sesame oil, brown sugar, garlic, and ginger.

2. Set aside. In a wok over medium heat, heat the oil. Stir-fry the beef and mushrooms until browned. Add the noodles and prepared sauce and cook, stirring constantly, until the noodles are softened. Add the carrots and simmer for about 1 minute.

3. Divide the noodles among serving bowls and garnish with the green onions.



Basketball

## Twice as nice for Huskies on court

Both the men's and women's Saint Mary's Huskies scored wins Wednesday night in Atlantic University Sport basketball action.

The women beat the St. Francis Xavier X-Women 57-46, while the men dropped the X-Men 93-73 on the road in Antigonish.

Forward Shanieka Wood led the women with 14 points and six rebounds, while Carlie Nugent added 11 points.

On the men's side, forward Osman Barrie and guard Brian Rouse both put up 23 points, with the former pulling down 11 rebounds.

The guys are currently in fourth place in the AUS standings with an 8-6 record, while the ladies lead the pack with a 12-2 record on the regular season. **METRO**

NBA

## Raptors suffer first loss to a division rival

The Toronto Raptors are no longer unbeaten in the Atlantic Division, dropping a lopsided 109-93 loss to the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday.

Terrence Ross scored a team-high 23 points, but it wasn't enough to lift the Raptors (33-17), in their second ugly performance in as many games. The loss was Toronto's first in 10 games against Atlantic opponents.

DeMar DeRozan had 13 points before being ejected with 1:02 to play after a flagrant foul on Bojan Bogdanovic.

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Baseball

## Delgado tops Canadian hall of fame's 2015 class

The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Class of 2015 will include former Toronto Blue Jays sluggers Carlos Delgado, Corey Koskie and Matt Stairs.

Longtime Montreal Expos manager Felipe Alou will also be inducted June 13, along with sportswriter Bob Elliott.

Delgado had eight consecutive 30-home-run campaigns with the Blue Jays. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Dalhousie Tigers defenceman Luke Madill, right, gives chase to Saint Mary's Huskies forward Stephen MacAulay on Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum.  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Rivals join forces for common goal

**Hockey.** Saint Mary's and Dalhousie teams make game into a fundraiser for leukemia and lymphoma research



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The Saint Mary's Huskies scored big on and off the ice Wednesday night.

Not only did they top the Dalhousie Tigers 7-1 in AUS men's hockey action, but along with 1,400 fans inside the Halifax Forum, they raised more than \$20,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, in honour of assistant coach Tom Lee.

Lee himself was behind the bench, leading the Huskies to their third straight win,

but inspiring the home and visiting teams alike.

As part of a seven-year battle with mantle cell lymphoma, he underwent a bone marrow transplant last season. He's now dealing with a bout of graft-versus-host disease as a result of his body rejecting donor cells.

"It was touch and go, whether I was going to make it or not," Lee, who has helped coach Saint Mary's to both AUS and CIS titles over six seasons, said following the game.

The Huskies hosted their first Tomstrong Night last February, to help raise funds for blood cancer research, and lift their longtime coach's spirits.

"They've done both," the father-of-four from Ferguson's Cove said. "It gives me a great sense of ... humanity, to see two teams that are battling against each other, for the same cause."

Saint Mary's goalie An-

Quoted

**"The biggest success is how much money we've raised."**

Former Saint Mary's women's hockey player and current Dalhousie student Sam Lee, daughter of Huskies assistant coach Tom Lee

thony Peters, who made 27 saves against Dalhousie, said while the win was important, the bigger focus was giving back to the night's cause, which was represented with a splash of lime green to go with the usual maroon on their jerseys.

"It's coming down to the end of the season, so obviously the guys are excited," the fourth-year player said of the win that gives Saint Mary's a 19-4-3 record on the regular season.

The Huskies have already clinched a playoff spot, while the Tigers are in seventh place

with a 6-20-1 record.

"To have the effort we did today, just goes to show how much we care about Tom," 24-year-old Peters said. "He's got a lot of love for this team."

Saint Mary's certainly came out strong Wednesday, scoring three straight power-play goals in the first period from Ben Duffy, Steven Shipley and Michael D'Orazio.

Mitch Evelyn scored the lone goal of the game for Dalhousie midway through the second, but Francis Menard of Saint Mary's replied, again with the man advantage, to make it 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Jeff Marchand, Kyle Pereira and Bradley Greene tallied in the third.

While Lee is well-regarded for pushing his players, the now cancer-free coach said his fellow team staff and "the 20 guys in that room, they keep me motivated."

"They help keep me alive," he said.



## NHL. Penguins shut down Oilers in Edmonton

Marc-Andre Fleury made 22 saves to record his seventh shutout of the season as the Pittsburgh Penguins started off a Western Canadian trip with a 2-0 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday.

Evgeni Malkin and David Perron scored for the Penguins (29-14-8), who improved to 12-6-5 on the road this season.

The Oilers (14-29-9) have

lost two of their last three.

There were few chances in the first period as Oilers starter Viktor Fasth and Pittsburgh's Fleury kept the game a scoreless draw.

That changed 24 seconds into the second, as Malkin picked up a loose puck during a scramble in front of the Oilers net and slipped in his 20th goal of the season.

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The Penguins celebrate Evgeni Malkin's opening goal against the Oilers on Wednesday night in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Court

## Hernandez, slain man weren't close: Girlfriend

Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez often smoked marijuana with the man he's accused of later killing, and they hung out during family gatherings, the victim's girlfriend testified Wednesday. But she insisted that they had only the beginnings of a friendship and were not very close,

contrary to what Hernandez's lawyers have said.

Shaneah Jenkins, the girlfriend of victim Odin Lloyd and the sister of Hernandez's fiancée, testified for a third day about Lloyd's relationship with Hernandez. Lloyd was found dead in June 2013, shot at an industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough.

Hernandez's lawyers have said Hernandez had no reason to kill Lloyd and the two were friends.

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## Reds rise from the dead

Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho, second from left, celebrates with teammates Alberto Moreno, left, and Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge after scoring a stoppage-time goal in his side's FA Cup fourth-round replay match against the Bolton Wanderers at the Macron Stadium in Bolton, England, on Wednesday. Liverpool faces Crystal Palace in the fifth round of the event at Selhurst Park in London. PETER BYRNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Boston toasts its Super Bowl champions

New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski chugs a beer, tossed to him by a fan, during a parade celebrating the team's fourth NFL title parade in Boston, Wednesday. The crowd roared as a smiling Bill Belichick and his players snapped selfies and took turns waving the Lombardi trophy earned in a hard-fought 28-24 Super Bowl victory over the defending champion Seattle Seahawks on Sunday. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Leafs left with moral victories and questions

NHL. Horachek says answer to losing streak must come from within



Predators centre Colin Wilson scores on Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier on Tuesday night in Nashville, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No one's more surprised by the Toronto Maple Leafs' losing ways than interim head coach Peter Horachek.

Toronto dropped a 4-3 road decision to the Nashville Predators on Tuesday night, its 10th straight loss.

But that's of little solace to Horachek, just 1-10-1 since replacing the fired Randy Carlyle on Jan. 7.

"I don't know if shocked or surprised is the right word," Horachek told reporters Wednesday. "I really haven't seen this before but that doesn't mean we can't keep going."

"Bowing your head or putting your lip out or feeling sorry for yourself has no success rate, zero. We have to push ourselves, push our approach to how we want to do things (and) continue to try to make a difference."

Toronto (22-26-4, 48 points) is 13th in the Eastern Conference standings,

13 points behind eighth-place Boston (27-16-7), which plays New York Rangers on Wednesday night. The Maple Leafs were in a playoff spot when Carlyle was fired and their last win was a 5-2 home decision over Columbus on Jan. 9.

Toronto led Nashville (33-11-6, 72 points) 3-2 in the third and, after falling behind, had two glorious chances to tie the game while shorthanded.

First, forward Daniel Winnik hit the post at 16:52 then seconds later Predators goalie Carter Hutton made a diving swipe with his stick to swat away a Morgan Rielly shot that hit Winnik in front.

Goals have been hard to come by for Toronto, which has scored just 10 times over its last 10 games. Four times the Leafs have been shut out over that span.

Toronto's top line of cen-

### So ... plan the parade?

# 10

Tuesday's loss tied the club record for consecutive defeats established in 1967, which coincidentally was also the last time the Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup.

tre Tyler Bozak and wingers Phil Kessel and James van Riemsdyk has scored 55 goals but is also a combined minus-44. Role players Mike Santorelli (10 goals, 18 assists) and Winnik (four goals, 16 assists) have been the Leafs' most consistent performers of late.

Defenceman Stephane Robidas returns to action Friday night visiting the New Jersey Devils and Horachek feels there are some positives his club can draw from its loss in Nashville.

"With 13 minutes left we had a lead, we have to be able to bear down in those situations," he said. "We have to find ways to get ourselves into it and stay into it and have the commitment level."

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

Don't be in so much of a hurry that you bite off more than you can chew today. If you have to ask for help it won't look too impressive, will it?

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

You must tell the truth today, even if it hurts the feelings of people you love. It will hurt them more if they discover they were the only ones who did not know what was going on.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

You need to make an important decision today and you need some peace and quiet so you can think and, hopefully, come to the correct conclusion.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You can't be expected to make an unbiased decision about something where your own interests are at stake. Either do what is best for yourself or ask a neutral third party for advice.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

It may be true that you have gone over the top and offended someone important but so what? If you go through life watching your every word you won't get much said.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

You seem to believe that everyone is as honest as you. What happens today will open your eyes, in a big way, to the fact that that isn't the case.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

You are on the verge of giving up on something that you can't seem to crack. What you don't realize is that you are closer to a breakthrough than you have ever been before. Hold on.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

It may annoy you that some people are so slow on the uptake but not everyone can be a big-brained Scorpio like you. Make allowances today.

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

If someone says you need to be cautious, act on their advice. It may not be your natural way but a few days from now you can make up for it by going to the other extreme.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Someone will make you a tempting offer today but if you are smart you'll demand more. According to the planets they want you on board so much they can probably be persuaded to up their offer substantially.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

The danger today is that you could say something on the spur of the moment and get yourself in a whole load of trouble with authority figures.

### ♓ Pisces

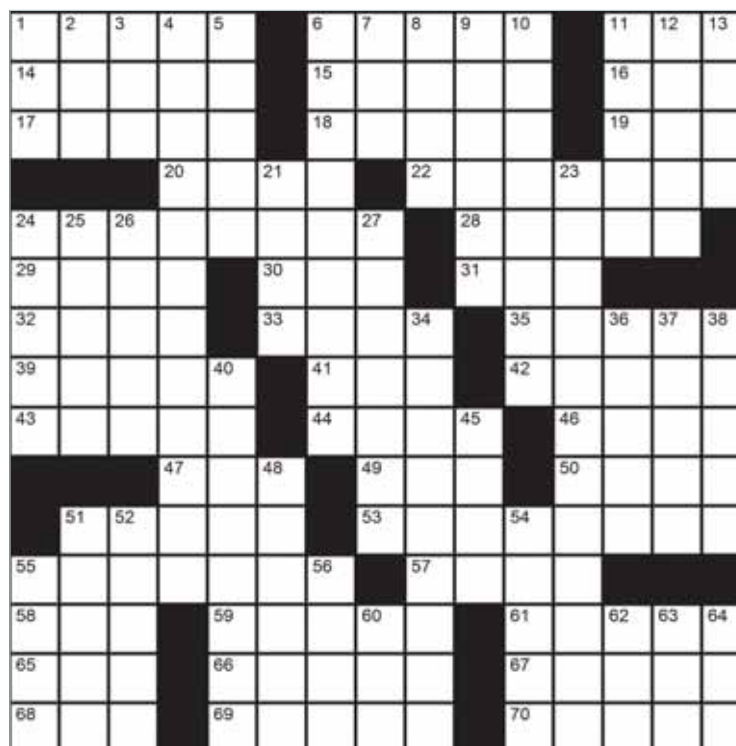
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You owe someone a favour and you'll be expected to repay it in the next 24 hours. They went out of their way. Do the same.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Score-makers in hockey
6. The Divine \_\_\_\_ (Bette Midler)
11. Appropriate
14. Rankin \_\_\_\_, Nunavut
15. Prefix with 'arthritis'
16. Sonny & Cher
17. Everglades eeker!
18. On-the-road reversal
19. "All We \_\_\_\_" by Kim Mitchell
20. Chess piece
22. Marked 'Received'
24. Architectural barriers
28. Having wings
29. \_\_\_\_-friendly
30. Kind of power
31. Knight's title
32. Vesper \_\_\_\_, "Casino Royale" (2006) character
33. Unfreeze
35. Move along rapidly
39. Slang-style friends
41. Religious song: "Lead \_\_\_\_, \_ King Eternal"
42. Mystery writer Dame Christie, informally
53. Actress Amanda
55. 1988 Tracy Chapman hit: 2 wds.
57. Want
58. Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_
59. Maynard G. \_\_\_\_ (Beatnik on "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis")
61. Ambiguous
65. Ms. Longoria
66. Arctic boat
67. Matrikin
68. Actress Susan
69. "Grease" (1978) role
70. 'Mr.' or 'Mrs.' on "Three's Company"



### Down

1. Showbiz job
2. 1996 Barenaked Ladies album: 'Born \_\_\_\_ Pirate Ship'
3. \_\_\_\_-Rock (Music genre)
4. Edith Prickley's signature outfit, \_\_\_\_ jacket and hat
5. Guitar attachment
6. Peak in Auyuittuq National Park in Nunavut that's named after a Norse god: 2 wds.
7. 'Special' suffix
8. Mr. Townsend, et al.
9. Some mattresses

10. World's most famous painting: 2 wds.
11. Modify
12. Mush, recipes-style
13. Steel-\_\_ boots
21. Left
23. Calgary Flames captain: 2 wds.
24. Parts of fruits
25. Heretofore: 2 wds.
26. 1960s song: "Walk Away \_\_\_\_"
27. Ms. Twain's
34. 'Let's Be Ready' is a current album by what Toronto band, with The?: 2 wds.
36. Q. "What's the composer Mr. Stravinsky's first name?" A. "\_\_\_\_, \_ believe."
37. Temporary hair colouring product
38. Do over the lawn
40. CBC's "Mr. D" actress Naomi
45. Mr. Diggs
48. Suraj \_\_\_\_, "Life of Pi" (2012) star
51. Easily duped
52. Journalism piece
54. Flu symptom
55. Escaped
56. Rider's 'rope'
60. "Not \_\_\_\_!" (Pretty good!)
62. Opening
63. Vehicle variety, Sport-\_\_
64. Poet's 'always

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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## Yesterday's Sudoku



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